

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended)

- 1 A golf practice device comprising a body that has vertical sides that can
2 be struck by a moving golf ball, said body having a head portion
3 and a base, where
- 4 (I) said head portion contains
- 5 (A) at least one battery;
- 6 (B) an electronic sound generator that generates a sound when
7 energized by said battery;
- 8 (C) a sensor switch that closes an electrical circuit connecting
9 said battery to said electronic sound generator when said
10 golf practice device is struck by a golf ball coming from any
11 direction; and
- 12 (D) an on-off switch that ~~can~~ enables the user of said golf
13 practice device to turn said golf practice device on or off;
14 and
- 15 (II) said base is selected from the group consisting of a pin that can be
16 pushed into the ground and material made of small hooks that can
17 be releasably attached to a fabric.

2. (Previously amended) A golf practice device according to Claim 1
wherein said base is a pin that can be pushed into the ground.

3. (Previously amended) A golf practice device according to Claim 1

wherein said base is a material made of small hooks, whereby said golf practice device can be releasably attached to a fabric.

4. (Previously amended) A golf practice device according to Claim 1 wherein said sides that are struck by said golf ball are cylindrical.
5. (Previously amended) A golf practice device according to Claim 1 wherein said sound is that of a ball falling into a cup.
6. (Previously amended) A golf practice device according to Claim 1 wherein said sound is a human voice.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously amended) A golf practice device according to Claim 1 wherein said sensor switch is a metal spring mounted inside a metal ferrule, so that said metal spring contacts said metal ferrule when said golf practice device is struck by a golf ball.
10. (Original) A golf practice device according to Claim 1 wherein said display generator is an integrated circuit for generating an

electrical signal and a speaker for converting said electrical signal into sound.

11. (Original) A method of improving putting accuracy comprising inserting the pin of a golf practice device according to Claim 2 into a putting green and putting golf balls at said golf practice device.

12. (Original) A method of improving putting accuracy comprising placing a golf practice device according to Claim 3 on a carpet and putting golf balls at said golf practice device.

13. (Currently amended) A golf practice device comprising a body that has vertical sides that can be struck by a moving golf ball, said body having a head portion and a base, where

(I) said head portion contains

(A) an on-off switch ~~for turning~~ that enables the user of said device to turn said device on and off;

(B) at least one battery;

(C) an integrated circuit chip programmed to generate an electrical signal when energized by said battery;

(D) a speaker that generates a sound when energized by said electrical signal;

(E) a sensor switch that closes an electrical circuit

13 connecting said battery to said integrated circuit chip
14 when a side of said golf practice device is struck by a
15 golf ball coming from any direction; and
16 (F) an electrical circuit connecting said battery, said on-
17 off switch, said sensor switch, said integrated circuit
18 chip, and said speaker, whereby said circuit is closed
19 only when said on-off switch and said sensor switch
20 are both closed; and
21 (II) said base is a pin that can be pushed into the ground.

14. (Previously amended) A golf practice device according to Claim 13
wherein said sensor switch is a metal spring mounted inside a metal
ferrule, so that said metal spring contacts said metal ferrule when said
golf practice device is struck by a golf ball.

15. (Previously amended) A golf practice device according to Claim 13
wherein said sound is that of a ball falling into a cup.

16. (Previously amended) A golf practice device according to Claim 13
wherein said sound is that of a human voice.

17. (Previously amended) A method of improving putting accuracy

comprising inserting the pin of a golf practice device according to Claim 13 into a putting green, turning on said on-off switch, and putting golf balls at said device.

1 18. (Currently amended) A golf practice device comprising a body that has
2 vertical sides that can be struck by a moving golf ball, said body having a
3 head portion and a base, where

4 (I) said head portion contains

5 (A) an on-off switch ~~for turning~~ that enables the user of said
6 device to turn said device on and off;

7 (B) at least one battery;

8 (C) an integrated circuit chip programmed to generate an
9 electrical signal when energized by said battery;

10 (D) a speaker that generates a sound when energized by said
11 electrical signal;

12 (E) a sensor switch that closes an electrical circuit connecting
13 said battery to said integrated circuit chip when a side of
14 said golf practice device is struck by a golf ball coming from
15 any direction; and

16 (F) an electrical circuit connecting said battery, said on-off
17 switch, said sensor switch, said integrated circuit chip, and
18 said speaker, whereby said circuit is closed only when both
19 said on-off switch and said sensor switch are closed; and

20 (II) said base is a material made of small hooks that can be releasably
21 attached to a fabric.

19. (Previously amended) A golf practice device according to Claim 18 wherein said sensor switch is a metal spring mounted inside a metal ferrule, so that said metal spring contacts said metal ferrule when said golf practice device is struck by a golf ball.
20. (Previously amended) A golf practice device according to Claim 18 wherein said sound is that of a ball falling into a cup.
21. (Previously added) A golf practice device according to Claim 18 wherein said sound is that of a human voice.
22. (Previously added) A method of improving putting accuracy comprising placing a golf practice device according to Claim 18 on a carpet, turning on said on-off switch, and putting golf balls at said device.